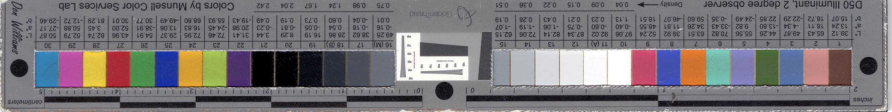
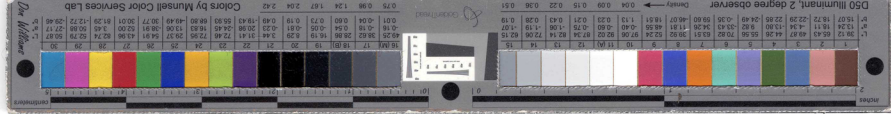


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Library Committee of the Philad.^a Library
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No. 820 Spruce St.
THE Historical Society of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 187

Dear Sir,

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania has once more to propose an exchange with the Library Company, or rather with the Loggians Library.

Within the last five years this Society has obtained by purchase, gift or exchange, over one hundred volumes of Colonial and revolutionary newspapers. These volumes comprise the Mercury, Gazette, Journal, and other ancient Philadelphia papers, which taken together afford an unbroken series of years from 1727 to 1785, but of no one of these papers have we a consecutive file, and we therefore turn to you, as rich in duplicates, in the hope that by offering a fair equivalent you may enable us to accommodate the many persons, who visit our Rooms to consult old newspapers, with a more complete file of our papers than we now have.

We have to offer you:

I. A copy of the *Lionitischer Keyranchs-Hügel*, the first book printed at Germantown, the first issue of Christopher Sowers press, and the earliest American example of printing from German type. Mr Fiske Harris, the great collector of American Poetry, recently paid Forty dollars for a copy without a title page, a fault which reduces the value of such bibliographical curiosities more than one half. As an instance of this we would mention Mr Brinley's copy of Atkin's edition of the Bible, which lacking

the title page sold for ten dollars.

II. A complete set of Valentines' Manual (in 28 vols) the corner stone of any collection of the History of New York. Mr Brinley's series of 24 volumes brought \$36, but it lacked the four rarest, one of which has recently sold for \$30, and this set cannot therefore be worth less than one hundred dollars.

III. A series of 115 privately engraved portraits, to which is attached the late Mr Sabin's Certificate, that their market value is not less than three dollars each.

IV. And lastly we will give you in print and manuscript the Session Laws of Pennsylvania from 1730 to 1744, the only volume needed to make your set of laws complete, from 1714 to 1770. The like of which can not be found in any public institution in the Country! We have no duplicates of the seven printed sessions covered by our offer, which we only obtained a few weeks ago, and are induced to part with them simply because you now have the only series of laws accessible to the public, at all approaching completeness.

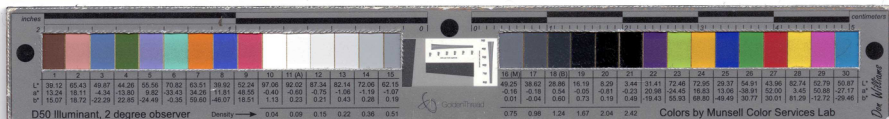
In return we would ask for the Loganian duplicate of the Pennsylvania Gazette No 1031 Folio. This file of papers begins with No 40 and ends with No 1646, but lacks no less than 805 numbers, and therefore contains only 841 papers scattered over a period of over 30 years. Were they consecutive, there would be just 16 years, and an idea of their value compared with the several items which we offer can be obtained from the price realized by the only volume of the period, covered by your file, in the Brinley collection. This was Forty eight dollars for a perfectly complete year, but as the Loganian copy does not contain one perfect year, its value must be very much less.

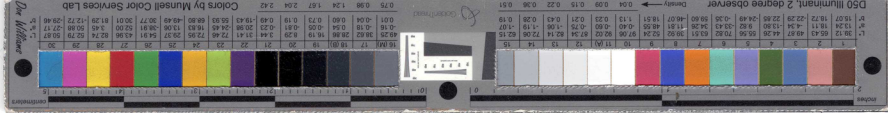
Trusting that after due consideration we may receive a favorable answer to what we believe is a generous offer.

I am

With great respect

John T. Wallace,
President of the Historical Society





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1829 South Broad St
Philadelphia 13, 1882

Lloyd P. Smith Esq
Dear Sir,

In reply to your favor
of today I would say, that I have for
many years had more or less acquaintance
with Prof W. H. B. Thomas, and always under
circumstances which gave me a very favorable
impression as to his scientific and literary
capacity. I have known him as a most
faithful student, a careful and judicious
collector of literary treasures, and a re-
markably accurate writer in the publi-
cation of catalogues and searches.

I can also speak in the highest terms
of his integrity and thoroughly trustworthy
character. He would justify the fullest
confidence in any trust that might be
reposed in him.

Very truly & respectfully
Loren Blodget



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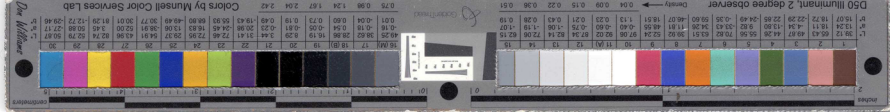
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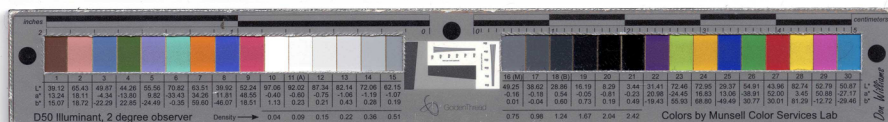
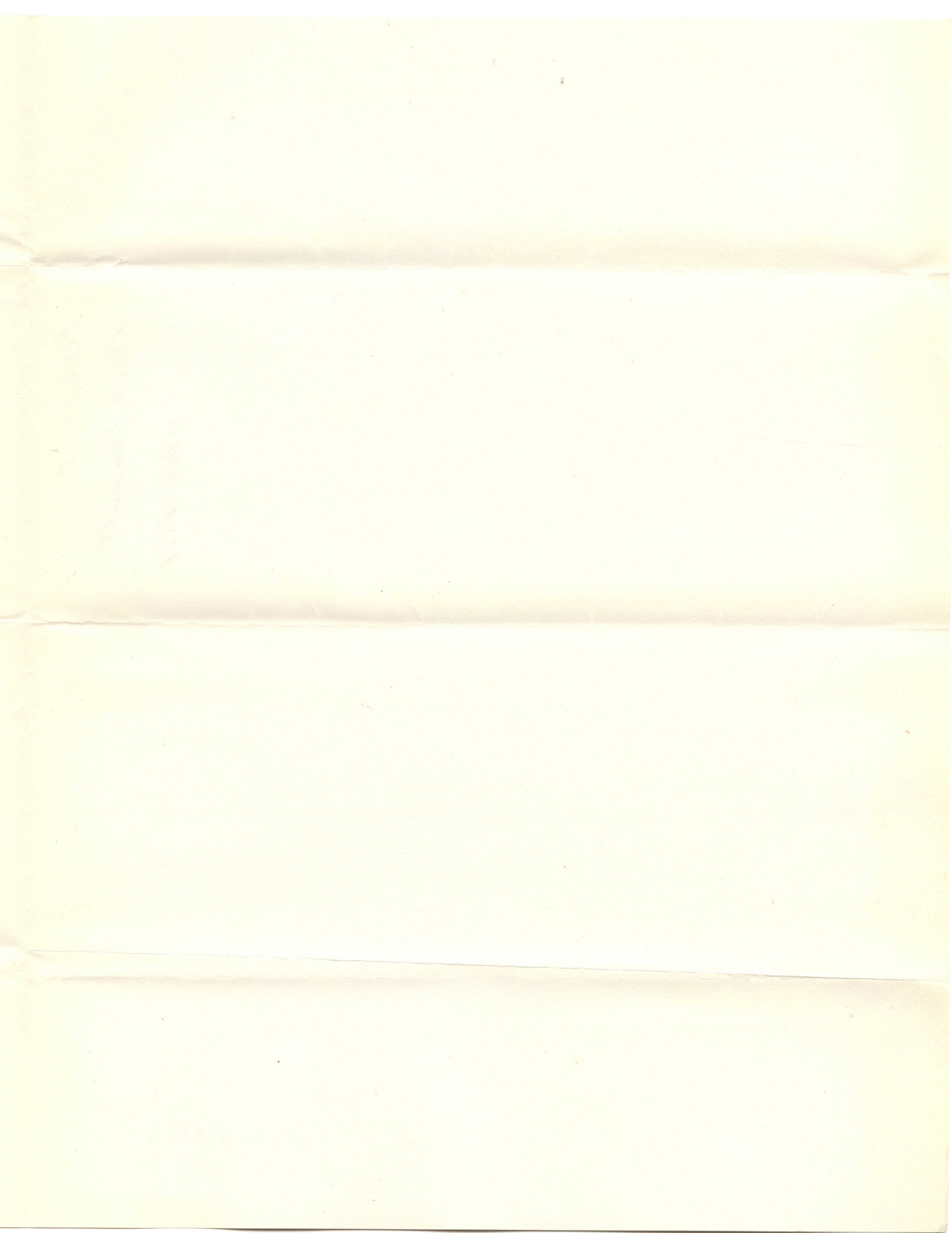
Report to the Book Committee

The Exchange with the Historical Society agreed to by the Book Committee still needs the formal approval of the Board.

In accordance with the permission given me some months ago to complete the Biological Reports of the several States as I might be able to pick them up from time to time, I made an offer to Dr. A. E. Foote for about a hundred dollars worth of the Reports of various States, provided he would take off a discount of 33%. I enclose his reply. I still think it very desirable to make as complete a collection as possible of these valuable documents, but I would prefer to get the sanction of the Committee before making so large a purchase, of course they are intended for the Ridgway Branch.

Respectfully
Lloyd Smith
Librarian





Report to
Trade Committee
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N.W. Cor. Locust & Juniper Sts.

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Report to the Executive Committee

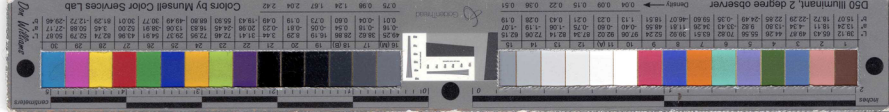
The screen in the garden to afford the Janitor a space to dry clothes has been put up and looks well.

The doors for the book-cases in the Ladies Room have been put up & wired, thereby securing the books from being carried off and also improving the appearance of the Room.

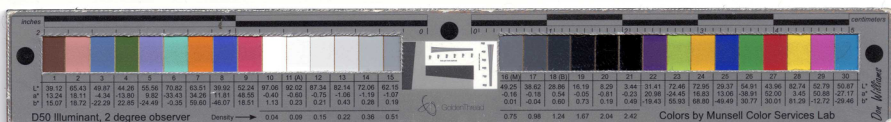
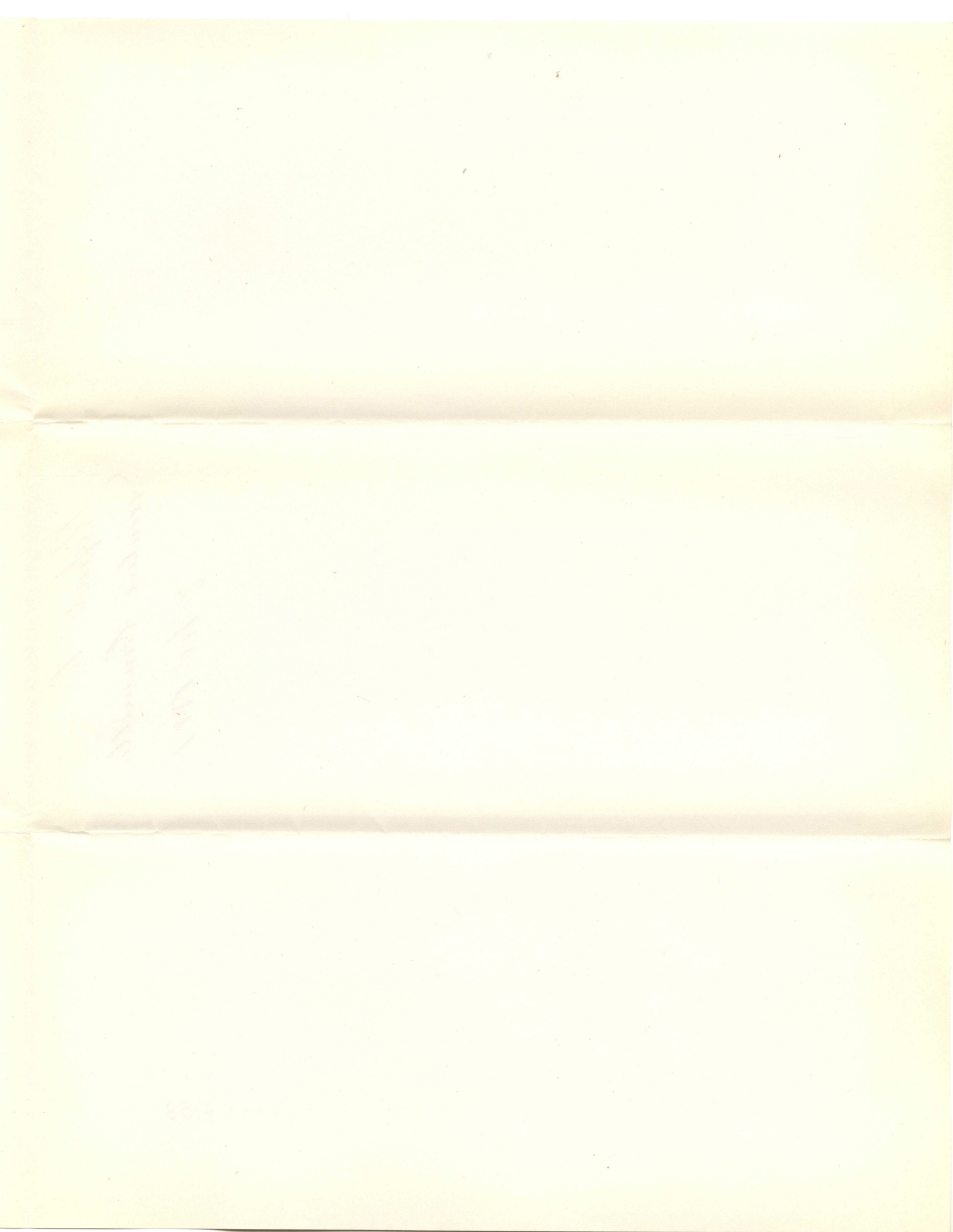
The new Janitor is giving special attention to clearing the Rooms and skylight, and the prospect is that the Building will be kept in better order than when under the charge of the former Janitor. W. Phillips makes no complaint of his quarters in the basement.

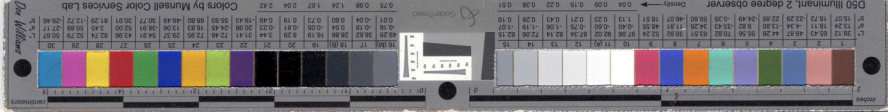
Respectfully Submitted

Lloyd V. Smith
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Report to
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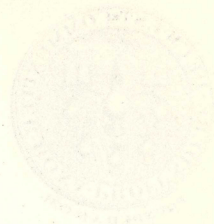
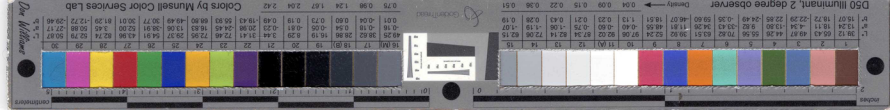
Library Co. of Philad.^a
N.W. Cor. Locust & Juniper Sts.

Philadelphia Nov 2^d 1881

Report to Finance Committee

The agent of the Central News Co applied early in October to know at what price the Library Co would sell the Building at the Corner of 5th & Library Street. I replied that some years ago the Board fixed \$100,000. for the Library Building and the Law Buildings together, & I supposed that same would still buy them: and that the Board preferred to sell both together. A few days after I happened to meet him in the street and he said that his principal had been willing to buy the Library Building alone for about \$40,000. or \$50,000., but not the two. So the matter dropped.

Mr W. Moore Wharton has not yet paid off his mortgage of \$5,000. as promised. His interest, as usual, is in



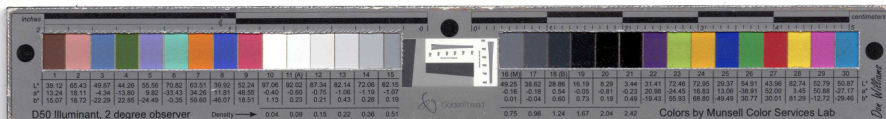
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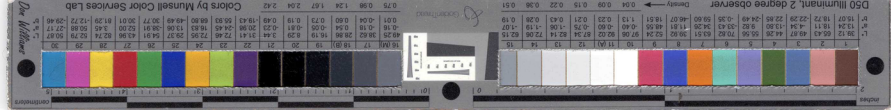
anear since Oct 1, but I understand the house
is well rented.

I beg to remind the Committee that the
matter of a renewal of my official bond,
is before them.

Respectfully

Lloyd Smith
Treasurer





Report to Finance
Committee

Nov 1881

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Library Co. of Philad.^a
N.W. Cor. Locust & Juniper Sts.

Philadelphia Nov 3^d 1881

Librarian's Report

The attendance for the month of October was
as follows: Members men 2505

women 1941 4,446

Visitors men 1931

women 460 2,391

Messengers

379

7216

No. of books taken out 2871

" returned 2627

Average daily attendance 277

" books taken out 108

" " ret^d 101

Catalogue cards copied & distributed
in duplicate Locust St 574

R. Branch 415

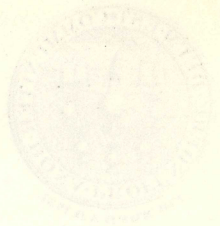
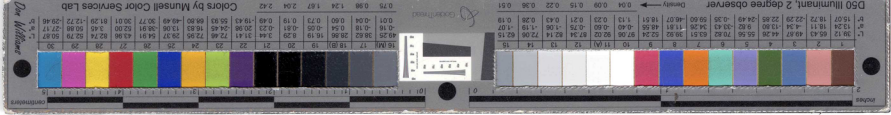
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At the Ridgway Branch the
number of visitors in October was 321

" " readers " 126

Total

447



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Books read in the Building	372
" given out	63
Total	<u>435</u>

Average per day of visitors	17
Books	14

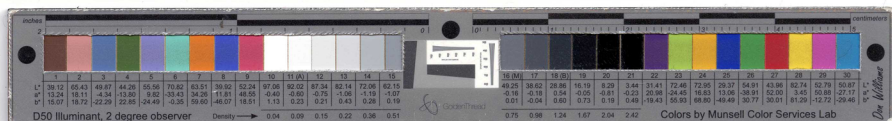
Amount of fines for October	9.61
" " " R. Branch	1.25

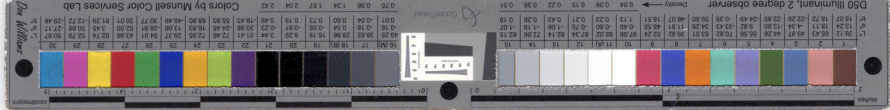
One semi-annual subscription was not in October.

The new Janitor W. J. Phillips is steady & efficient, and is a decided improvement on his predecessor.

Respectfully Submitted

Lloyd Smith
Librarian





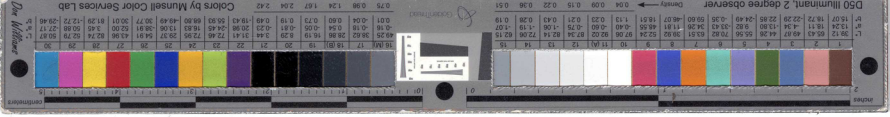
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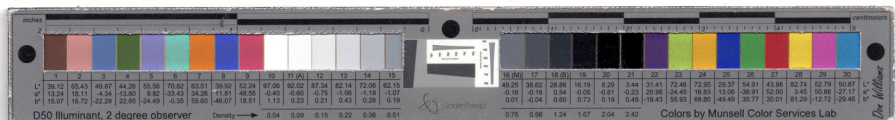
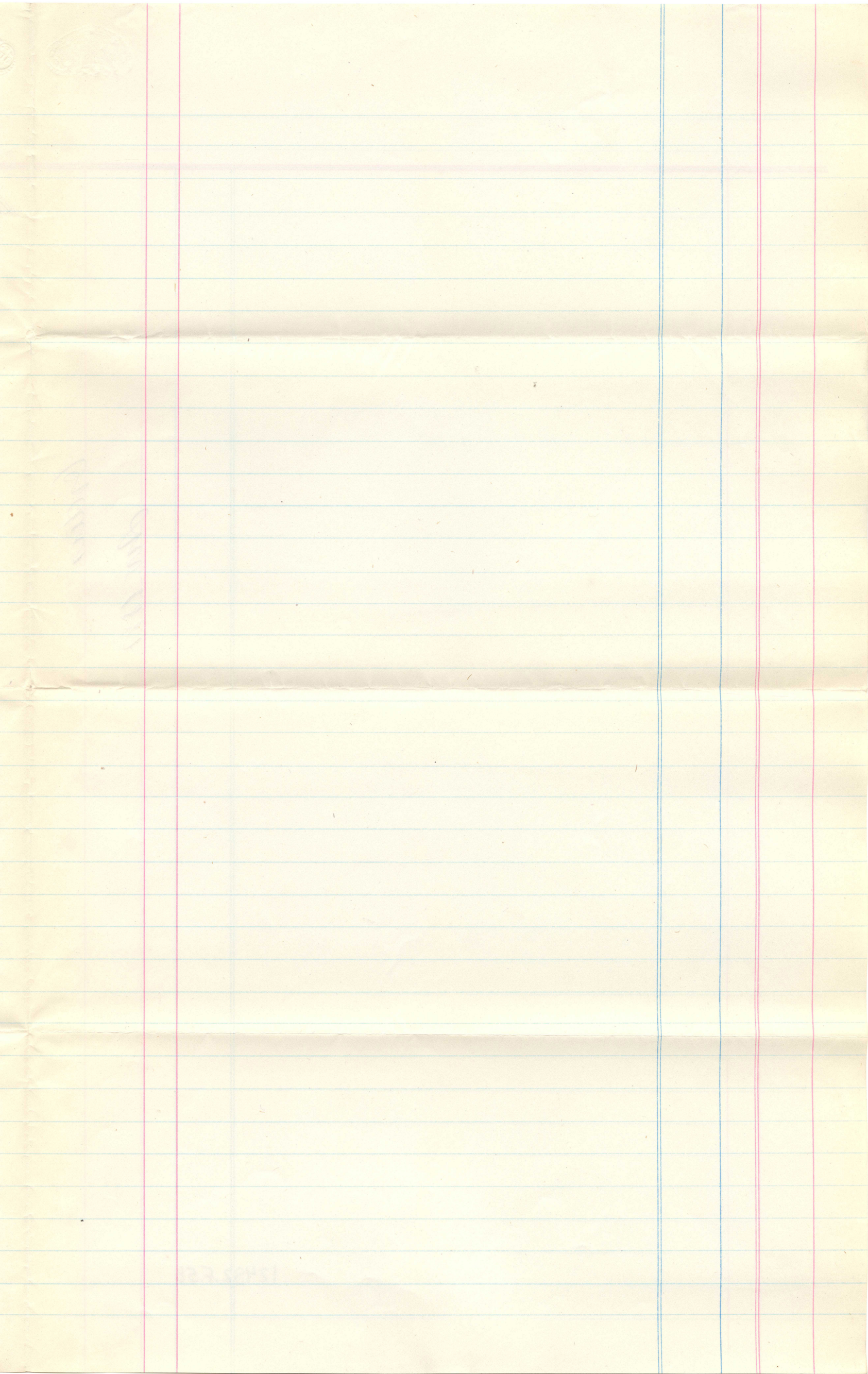
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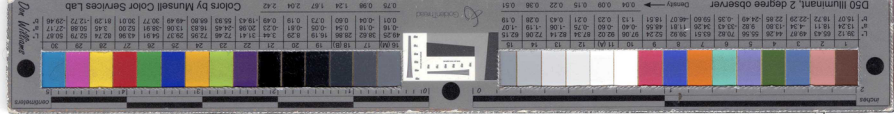
Orders November 3^d 1881

Sample	555	Lloyd P. Smith Librarian	1 month	41 67		
		Treasurer	1 "	16 66		
		George M. Abbott	Assistant	"	125 -	
		B. S. Owen	"	"	58 33	
		E. McClellan	"	"	40 -	
		W. J. Phillips	Janitor	"	35 -	
		Matthew White	Gardener &c	7.50		
				4 -		
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				<u>4.50</u>	20 -	336 66
	556	G. B. Austin	Coal	345 -		
		James Dunston	Kindling wood	31 50		
		Whitewashing & cleaning Janitor's Rooms		15 -		
		Mr. L. Frederick	Stationery	30 -		
		J. I. Van No	"	5 -		426 50
Log	301	Lloyd P. Smith	3 rd Salary Librarian	75 -		
		"	" Treasurer	25 -		
		George M. Abbott	" Assistant	50 -		
		B. Samuel	"	25 -		xx5 -
		Paid to & Cheque Book	100 stamped cheques	2 -		177 -
RVB	109	Lloyd P. Smith	1 st Salary Librarian	158 33		
		George M. Abbott	"	25 -		
		Barnford Samuel	"	41 67		
		Edward McGrath	"	50 -		
		James Coll	"	<u>38 70</u>		313 75
		Ed: McGrath	Coal for Janitor's house	40 50		
		James Dunston	Kindling wood	26 25		
		Matthew White	Gardener &c	24 -		90 75
		110	Mc. C. Riveline	kind annuity	500 -	
			A. Mc. Rush	"	180 -	
	111		S. C. Rush	"	180 -	
			Julia W. Biddle	"	900 -	
			Richard H. Rush	"	<u>180 -</u>	1940 -



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Library Co. of Philad.^a
N.W. Cor. Locust & Juniper Sts.

Philadelphia Nov 3^d 1881

Report to Committee on R. Branch

The Cash Balance of the Ridgway Branch
as per last Report was 2,545.93
Recd from Clifford Lewis Agent 2,700.00 5,245.93
Dep Orders to be drawn today 2,344.50
Leaving a Cash Balance of \$ 2,901.43

I beg to refer to last month's Report in regard to the necessity of making the joints around the cornice water tight. The Janitor estimates the cost at \$70.00. The late rain has shown the importance of these repairs. In addition, the Janitor reports that there is a small leak in the roof. He recommends that the roof be repainted in certain places where it is scaling off. The only estimate he has yet rec^d is for \$115.00.

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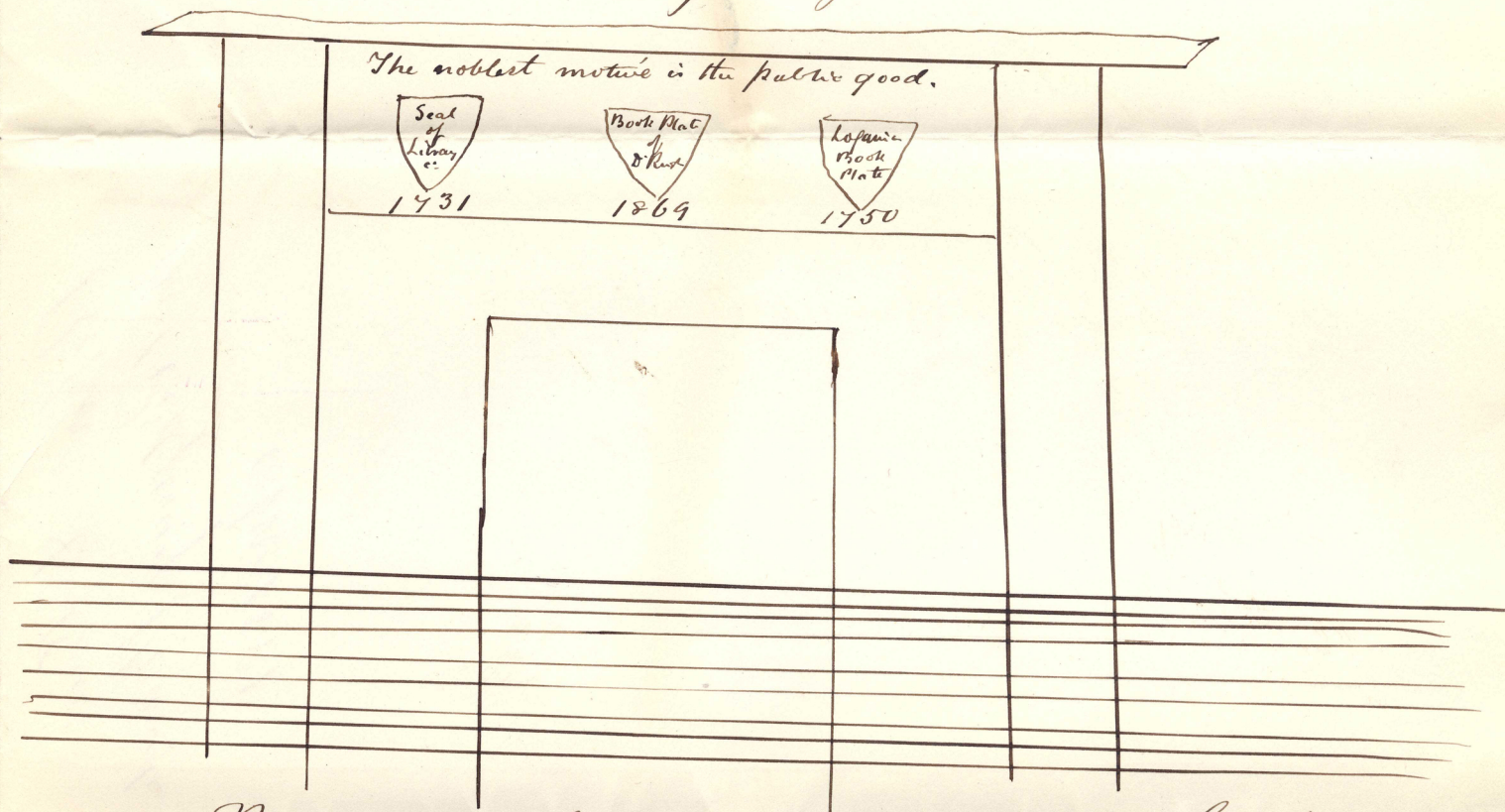
The farmer reports that the back lot will require this winter 80 loads of rich soil and the shrubbery in front 8 loads of stable manure

Hay 80 loads c. 50	40.-
& " 2.50	20.-
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	\$ 60.-

He suggests that a row of grape vines be planted on each side of the avenue leading to 13th Street in the back lot at a cost of 30.-
Also 20 loads of rich earth c. 50 10.-
cost

\$ 40.-

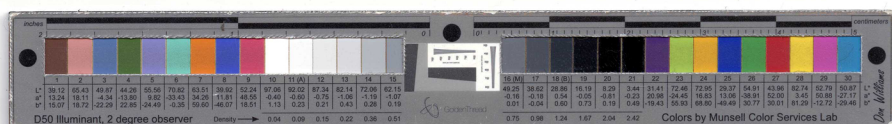
The looking glass in the Librarian's Room was sold to Mr. Stenbold & I have replaced it by the one in the Map Room. In doing so I took occasion to get McGrath to put up a wooden mantel-piece in the Librarian's Room, there not being any before.



This leaves a space of white wall about 5 feet by 11 inches which looks badly. It occurred to me that the surface might be glazed and painted something in the above style.

I beg permission to buy a rug for the Librarian's Room, similar to that in the Ladies Room in Locust St.

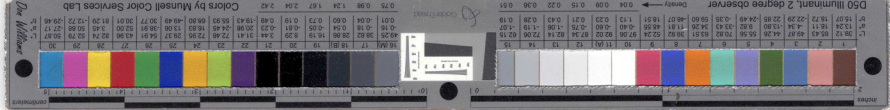
Respectfully Submitted
 Rosalind Smith
 Librarian





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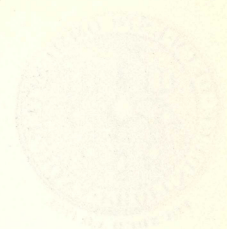
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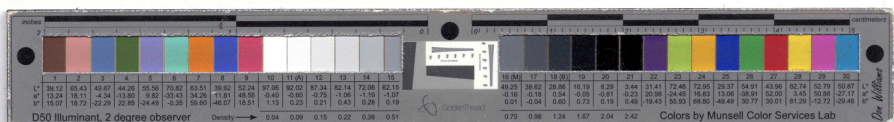
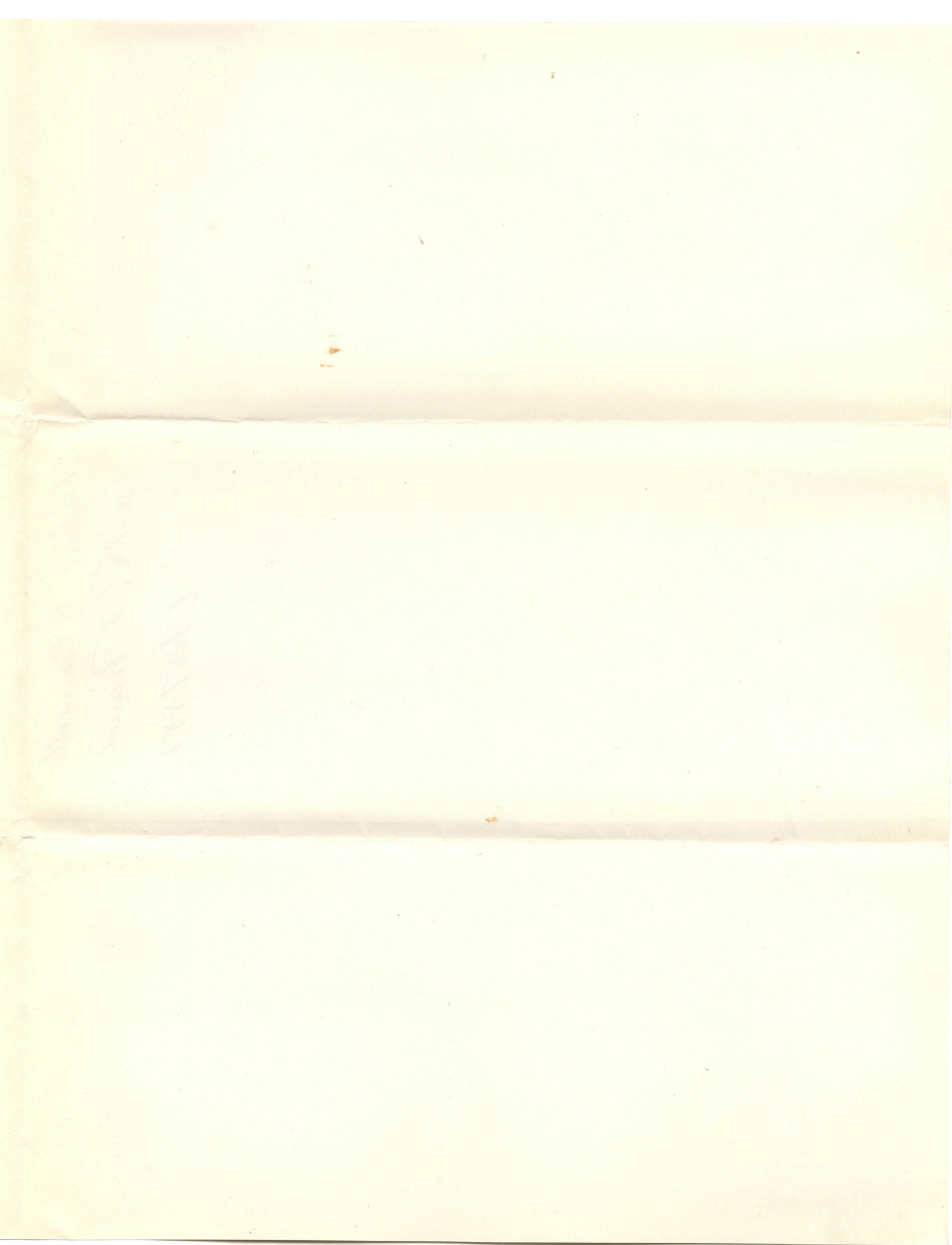
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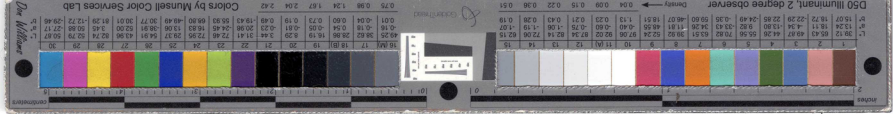
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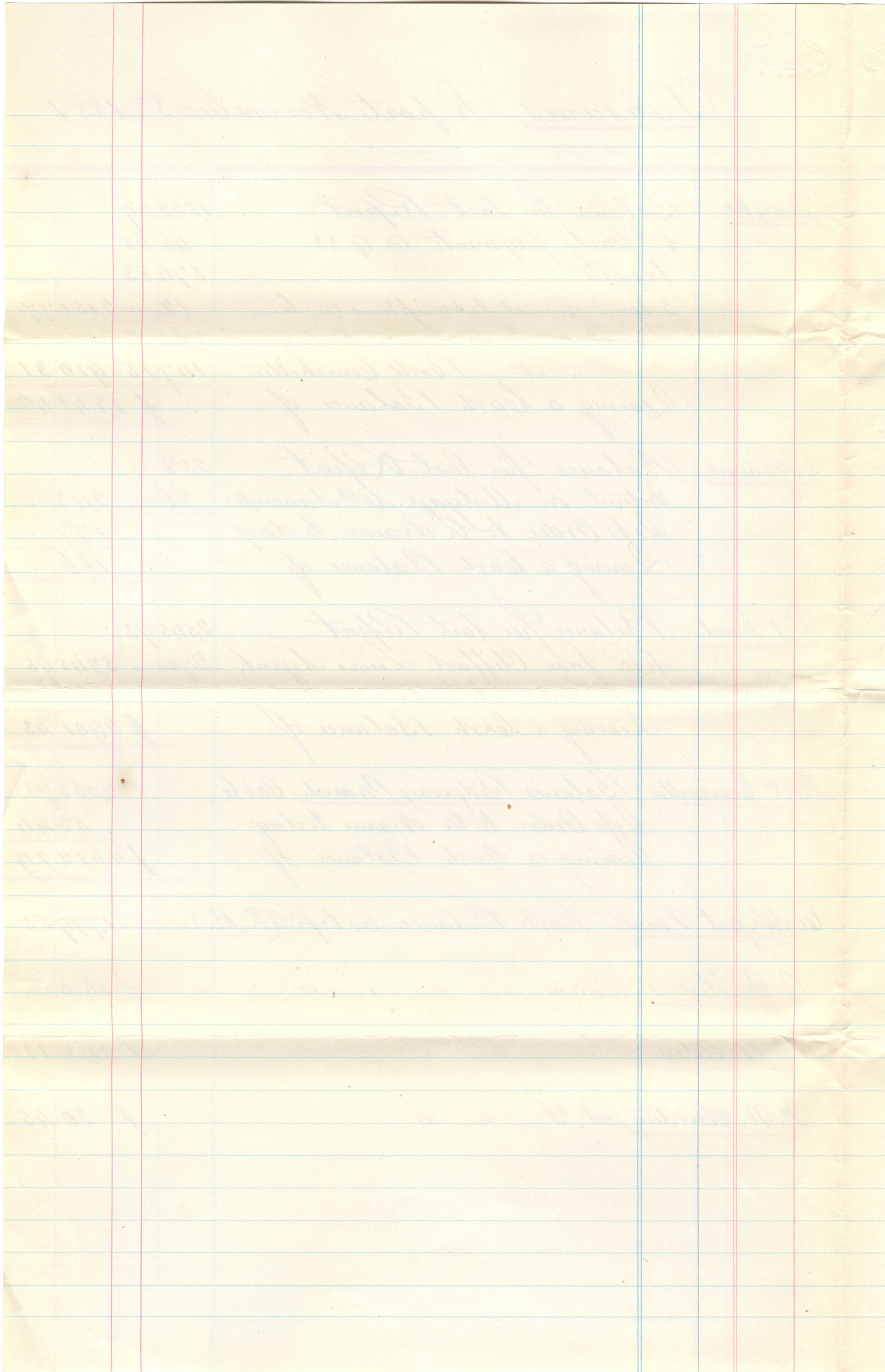
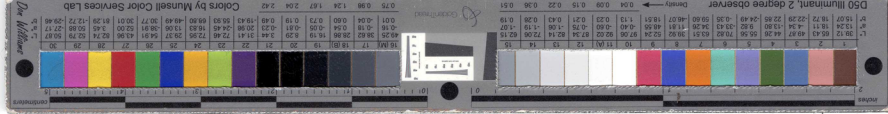


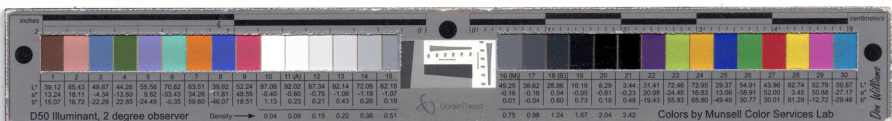
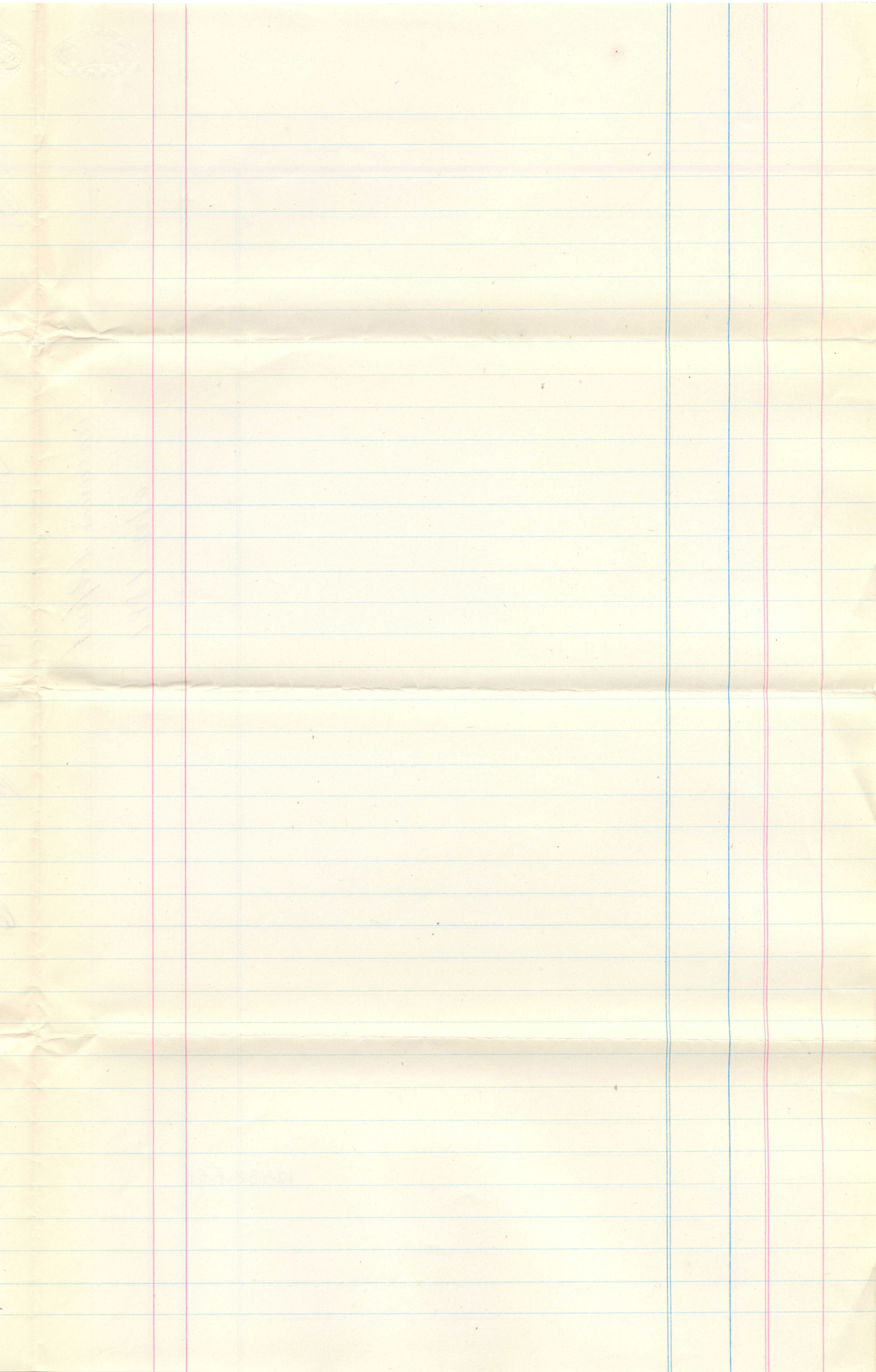
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Jan 1881

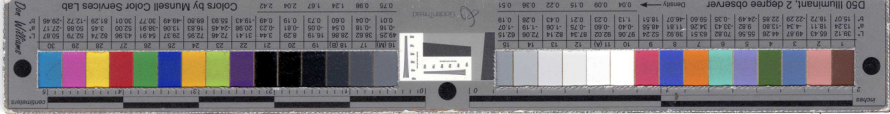
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Treasurer's Report November 3 1881

<u>Library Co</u>	Balance per last Report	1522 29	
	5 Yearly Payments @ Q. 33	46 65	
	Rents	570 83	
	2 Semi-annual Subscriptions @ 600	12 -	2,151 77
	Dep Orders to be drawn today	763 16	
	" " Book Committee	147 15	910 31
	Leaving a Cash Balance of		<u>\$ 1,241 46</u>
<u>Loganian</u>	Balance per last Report	258 -	
	Interest on Mortgage M ^{rs} Hancock	83 -	343 -
	Dep Order to be drawn today		177 -
	Leaving a Cash Balance of		<u>166 -</u>
<u>R. 1 Branch</u>	Balance per last Report	2545 93	
	Rec ^d from Clifford Lewis Agency	2,700 -	5,245 93
	Dep Orders to be drawn today		2344 50
	Leaving a Cash Balance of		<u>\$ 2,901 43</u>
<u>Book Committee</u>	Balance Ridgway Branch Oct 6		2063 73
	Dep Order to be drawn today		5344
	Leaving a Cash Balance of		<u>\$ 2,019 29</u>
<u>Contingent Fund</u>	Cash Balance as before (R. B.)		1,779 53
<u>B. B. Stevens</u>	London " " " "		\$ 56.42
<u>E. G. Allen</u>	" " " "		\$ 25.01
<u>J. M. Christie</u>	N. Y. " "		\$ 20 45







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